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SUBJ: VISIT OF DOT DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY ROBERT CLEMENT

1. EMBASSY LEARNED FROM TUESDAY, NOV 12, ISSUE OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY, THE NEWS, OF PRESENT VISIT IN MEXICO OF ROBERT CLEMENT, U.S. DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY CLEMENT HERE ON SEMI-OFFICIAL VISIT CONTINUING THE DIALOGUE BEGUN NOV 1972 WITH A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TWO DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION SIGNED BY PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARY BRACAMONTES AND THEN DOT SECRETARY VOLPE.

2. ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT APPARENTLY MADE AT THIS END BY DAVID AMATO, FORMER AID EMPLOYEE HERE, PRESENTLY RESIDENT IN MEXICO CITY, SOMETIME CONSULTANT TO THE GOM PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND CORRESPONDENT FOR THE NEWS. ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT AMATO MADE SOME EFFORT INFORM AMBASSADOR JOVA, HE DID NOT FOLLOW UP WHEN HE LEARNED AMBASSADOR WAS IN WASHINGTON.

3. EMBASSY SO FAR UNABLE REACH DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY CLEMENT AND THEREFORE UNABLE TO RESPOND TO INQUIRIES FROM THE MEXICAN PRESS. IN ADDITION, CODEL FREY (STATE 238351) HERE IN MEXICO CITY AND PRESUMABLY CALLING ON SOME OF THE SAME GOM OFFICIALS AS DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY CLEMENT (BOTH CLEMENT AND FREY AT THE SAME HOTEL).

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4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED WHETHER
DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY IN MEXICO ON OFFICIAL VISIT AND,
IF SO, PURPOSE OF SUCH VISIT.
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